

# Connecticut



*Chatter* Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

July 2020

## President's Message

by Kathy Fuller



But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks? It is the camping season, and Airstream is the sun.

Yes, the camping season is dawning for us. After too many months of not being able to commune with our Charter Oak friends, campgrounds and parks are now opening. The rally at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH is July 10-12. I hope you signed up. Eddie Carll is determined to blend social distancing with fun and food. The weekend of August 14-16 is the Wine

*Oh you Bard, Bard, wherefore art thou Bard?* Tasting Rally in Bernardston, Mass. Gail and Wiley Downing are hosting what promises to be a fabulous rally. Rallies are also planned for September and October but I'll hold off on those for now.

It's fun to see new faces at the Thursday 5pm virtual happy hours hosted by Russ and Rhona Fuller on Zoom. Join us as we spend time together getting caught up.

Club equipment that had been stored in a variety of places was presented at Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's gathering on the 28th for all to see. By the end of the gathering, and a couple of thunderstorms, all the equipment had been reviewed and sorted into keep vs toss. Most of the equipment is now being stored at the Bard Fuller residence in Southington. It was established that the 2nd VP will be responsible for the inventory of our equipment. While on the topic of equipment, Charter Oak owes a huge debt of thanks to Jim and Corinne Burnham who have been storing most of our equipment in their barn for the last several years. Thank you also to Bill and Evie Watts for storing our tent which is now temporarily housed with the Rousseau's.

We've heard from Jackson Center. The club's office has their hands full with virtually coordinating meetings that should have been done at the International Rally, routine clerical organization, updating and transferring club data, working from home and trying to get Phase 2 of the International website up to speed.

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"Can you believe how ridiculous people are getting over this virus thing?"

How do  
mathematicians scold  
their children?

### What do you think?

A group of lions is called a pride. What is a group of rhinoceroses called?

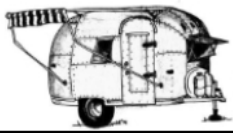
You are in the woods surrounded by all types of trees, how do you identify a dog-wood tree.

### Link...

[Airstream in the Time of Coronavirus](#)

A note to the Airstream community.

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### Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

Hope everyone is managing okay and adjusting to your circumstances. We are all getting accustomed to the Zoom Meetings, masks, gloves, physical distancing, and dining out rules as the new normal and we are trying to make it work.

**TONI NOLDER** had successful knee replacement surgery on June 11, 2020; we wish her a smooth recovery. We send our sincere sympathy to **KATHY KUSHMAN** on the recent loss of her brother, surely a difficult time to go through.

**ROGER CROCKETT** has sold his home and is now comfortably settled in Farmington, CT. The beautiful doll house that he made will be displayed in the assisted living facility where he lives. Here is his new phone number: 860-507-6181...give him a call. Address: Farmington Station, Room 206, 111 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington, CT 06032.

After 49 years of service **Russ Fuller** retired as a volunteer in his local fire departments.

Thank you to **JOYCE & GILLES ROUSSEAU** for hosting a gathering at their beautiful home. It was so good to see everyone again, and of course, engage in what we all like to do, EAT. President, Kathy Fuller, had a short meeting with the Executive Board regarding maintaining the Club's supplies. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP was nominated to handle the inventory list.

Here are a few things to ponder: If No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2? Why are there no "B" batteries? Why do the British never sound British when they sing? It was hard getting over my addiction to the Hokey Pokey, but I've turned myself around and that's what it's all about. (I think I've been sheltered in place for too long.) ~



*Gilles Rousseau the great crepe maker.*



*We celebrated Evie's birthday. The date shared with Toni Nolder in absentia.*

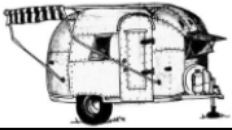


*Christine Lessig, Sally Kerr, and Evelyn Watts.*



*David & Paulette Jensen, Nancy Clemmons (Bards sister), Bard & Kathy Fuller.*





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*Rhona with a little sugar and a beautiful crepe smile!*



*Billy & Julie Steers enjoying the day with Joyce Rousseau.*



*Relaxing under a tent Wiley Downing and Russ & Rhona Fuller.*

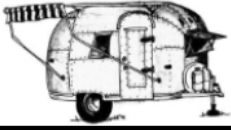


*Sandy Sasuta finally made it into a picture with Chris and Carol Dubrowski.*



*Gilles Rousseau welcomes Christine & Glen Lessig and Bill Watts.*





### Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's Home: Southbury, CT

**Executive Board Members Present:** Kathy Fuller, Russ Fuller, Sandy & Mike Susuta, Bill Watts, Carol and Chris Dubrowski, Christine and Glen Lessig. Other COCAC members were present and participated in the discussions but did not vote.

**Call to Order:** The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by our president, Kathy Fuller. A quorum was present. Kathy thanked Joyce and Gilles for hosting the social gathering.

**Goal:** To review all the club equipment and limit what we will put in storage and obtain Executive Board support in the decision process.

1. **Tent** 20' by 30' with sides (Stored in Joyce and Gilles storage building) The tent still needs to be cleaned.
2. **Items that will be saved** and stored in Kathy's and Bard's garage (two shelves) .
  - Roaster – good quality
  - 3 Grills electric
  - Large pans
  - Coffee maker 101 cup
  - Coffee maker 35 cup
  - Coffee maker 50 cups
  - 2 beverage coolers (orange & blue)
  - Large plastic salad bowl
  - Load Master Scale (hitch weight)
  - Breaker box (30 amp to 110) stored by Mike Susuta
3. Several items were discarded or given away

**Motion: That the Second VP will be responsible for equipment inventory by keeping documentation of location of equipment.** Motion was made by Kathy Fuller and seconded by Mike Susuta.

- Unanimous approval by nine executive board members at the meeting.
- If members need equipment or they returned it then they need to communicate with the second VP. List will be put into directory.
- The executive board approval of this motion will hold until October and then full membership will vote on the motion.

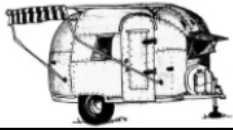
Bard Fuller indicated that Region One Rally is on hold and in limbo and hopefully we will have it in June, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 3:30

Respectfully submitted,

**Christine Lessig, Recording Secretary**



*Our President Kathy trying to decide what to do with items from storage. (Thanks Burnhams for storing it for us.)*



## UPCOMING BENEFITS FROM YOUR AIRSTREAM CLUB MEMBERSHIP

by **Bard Fuller**

- Upgraded website development continues to be refined
- Soon to again permit local club president, webmaster or rally host to post or modify rally listing in this new upgrade
- Member portal to allow all members to add or edit personal information and preferences
- More corporate discounts with affiliate corporate partners such as Harvest Hosts
- Lifetime Membership will have enhanced value by allowing, for a limited time, member to purchase at previous year's rate

### *President's Message*

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Our International officers are working in tandem with Jackson Center to help assure that information is correct and that the site is user friendly. This is a huge project so let's encourage them rather than complain about problems with the website. It is a work in progress. Shakespeare would understand that quality takes time. See you down the road. Be safe.

~ Kathy



**Club Flags  
For Sale  
\$53.00  
Contact  
President  
Kathy**

## NEW OFFICERS 2020-2021

**Congratulations to our new International Club leadership:**

- President- Andy Selking from the North Texas Club
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Tye Mott from the Cape Cod Massachusetts Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Eric McHenry from the Greater Bay Area (California) Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- Per Hamnqvist from the New England Club

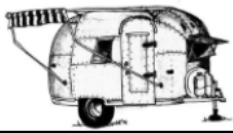
Note that in the 65 years of our club, never have we had two members from Region 1 elected to our International leadership.

**Congratulations to our new Region 1 leadership** representing Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island:

- President- Doug Hart from the New England Club
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Bard Fuller from the Charter Oak Connecticut Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- RJ Dominic from the Cape Cod Massachusetts Club

Let's also congratulate Connecticut members appointed to the **Region 1 Executive Board:**

- Recording Secretary- Joyce Rousseau
- Treasurer- Chris Dubrowski
- Webmaster- Glen Lessig



## GREAT TIMES AT AIRSTREAM INC.

by Bard Fuller

Without the International Rally this summer all International Airstream Club meetings were on Zoom/You Tube this past week. The executive board meeting had a surprise participant in Justin Humphreys, VP of Marketing of Airstream, Inc.

Justin had an optimistic outlook about Airstream in these uncertain times. He noted that the RV industry is doing very well across the board with people wanting to camp in self-contained RVs vs vacation in motels. Here are a few bullet points that I took away from his presentation.

- Prior to COVID, Airstream was building 85 trailers monthly in their brand-new production facility.
- March/April, with only on-line sales and a closed production factory, Airstreams were still selling at a rate double that of corporate projected expectations during the COVID restrictions.
- May broke their all-time sales records.
- June was being estimated to break May's record by 50%.
- Inventory throughout the USA has become very scarce so production has been stepped up with hopes to address the backlog.
- 50% of new Airstreams purchasers were first time RV owners. This is the largest ever percentage in this category.
- Touring van production is being moved to a much larger facility, that of the old trailer assembly building.
- Mercedes chassis supply line problems have been resolved.

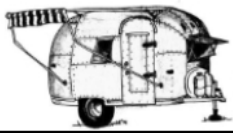
Lori Plummer, WBCCI's Corporate Manager, suspected that the increase in sales may be responsible for a much larger number of requests in Club membership during May and June. Great news for our club! ~

## BARD'S GOOD, BAD AND BIZARRE AIRSTREAMS

For your amusement, look at these Volkswagen inspired Airstreams. Certainly, head turners!







## FOR SALE

### Upcoming ....

Birthdays - Anniversaries



### Airstream For Sale

**2007 Classic 25 ft. Airstream 75th Anniversary Edition.** One owner, excellent condition, Hensley Arrow hitch, awnings all around, twin beds. \$45,000 or best offer. Contact info: Sharon - 508-789-4066 or E-mail: [Ss\\_harbourgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:Ss_harbourgirl@yahoo.com) or Susan - 310-339-6113 E-mail: [kcsuki@yahoo.com](mailto:kcsuki@yahoo.com) Sharon and Susan are Rose Tavares's daughters.



**1997 30' Airstream Limited** - well maintained, tires two years old, all systems in working order, exterior has been re-polished and details replaced several years ago. Includes Hensley hitch. **New Price** \$28,900. Contact: Fred McGoldrick

[freddalem@aol.com](mailto:freddalem@aol.com)



**TRAILER HITCH**, J2 Equal-I-Zer, new, never used, With weight distribution and sway control, 10,000 pound rating, 2-5/16" ball, \$350

Bill Watts 203-426-5532 or [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net)



### July

07/01	Jim Burnham
07/02	Sally Kerr
07/02	Val & Aili Galasyn
07/03	Ted Price
07/03	Bruce Fletcher
07/05	Kathleen Kushman
07/05	Susan King
07/05	Robert & Estrella Krish
07/06	Dale McGoldrick
07/06	Cecile Lemaire
07/09	Julie Steers
07/13	Stephen & Carol Kelly
07/20	Clarence (Bud) & Doris Gould
07/20	Robert Krish
07/21	Carol Kelly
07/26	Lois Price
07/29	Kathy Fuller

### August

08/03	Susan Freimuth
08/04	Aili Galasyn
08/05	Steve Pestretto
08/06	J. Rick Cipot
08/08	Fred McGoldrick
08/10	Diane & Jerry Jackson
08/20	Glen & Christine Lessig
08/20	Carol Dubrowski
08/21	Rose Tavares
08/25	Marie Lupien
08/26	Bruce & Kris Fletcher
08/27	Wayne Rutty
08/27	Trevor Lake
08/29	Richard Kushman
08/31	Glen Lessig

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**What did you think?:**  
 A group of rhinoceroses is called a "Crash". Fits doesn't it.

**Answer:**  
 By its bark.

**Proper Math:**  
 "If I've told you n times, I've told you n+1 times ..."

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## New Virtual Rally?



# The Cask, The Flask and The Mask Stay at Home Rally

## Join Us

Art work by Billy Steers



*Joyce and Gilles Zooming...*



**Zoom virtual happy hours at 5 pm every Thursday.**

No Rallies and missing your Airstream friends join us on Zoom every Thursday at 5pm with the beverage of your choice. No mask needed. Missing the ID or Password contact Russ Fuller.

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# Summer Fun on the Connecticut River at The Pastures Campground Rally

Co-Hosted by Cape Cod Mass and Charter Oak CT Airstream Clubs

Friday July 10-12, 2020

The Pastures Campground, 499 NH Rte. 10, Orford, NH 03777

Rally Hosts: Eddie Carll, Roland & Sandie St. Laurent, and Toni Nolder

Come join us for a mid-summer weekend in the greater Orford area to kick back and enjoy friends, food and the local area..... This quintessential New England destination, nestled conveniently on the Connecticut River boarding Fairlee, VT and not far from the Dartmouth College area.

Enjoy.....

- ✕ Kayaking, Hiking or Biking
- ✕ Golf Country Club across the river at Lake Morrey in Fairlee VT
- ✕ Two first class fine dining places in Orford ; Ariana's and Peyton Place
- ✕ Flea market in Fairlee, VT
- ✕ Live music on The Common on Saturday evening in Orford.
- ✕ Kayak and Pontoon Boat rental are available for those who want to enjoy close to 40 miles of our beautiful section of the Connecticut River.
  
- ✕ 6 pm Friday evening Happy Hour - Heavy hors d' oeuvres. 8pm Campfire.
- ✕ 8 am Saturday Potluck Breakfast
- ✕ 5 pm Saturday Happy Hour followed by Summer Barbeque (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn) you might bring your favorite summer desert. 8 pm Campfire
- ✕ 8 am Sunday Continental Breakfast
- ✕ Coffee wil be provided each morning

Rally fee \$12.50 per person, which includes firewood and a kitty fee.

Camping rate is \$30 for RVs under 35 ft. and \$32 for larger units, for water/electric sites.

Please arrange your stay directly with Doug and Kim Robinson at 603-353-4579 or by email: [camp@thepastures.com](mailto:camp@thepastures.com) Stay longer if you like!

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and mail your payment payable to:

Eddie Carll, 66 Perseverance Path, Plymouth, MA 02360

For additional information contact Eddie Carll at 508-454-6895 or [ecarll62@gmail.com](mailto:ecarll62@gmail.com)

The Pastures Campground Rally Friday July 10-12, 2020

Rally fee \$12.50 per person, which includes firewood and a kitty fee.

Join us Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club We Rally Together

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# WINE TASTING RALLY

August 14-16, 2020

Traveler's Woods

152 River Street, Bernardston, MA. 01337

Water, 30/50 amp electric, two dump stations

Hosted by Wiley & Gail Downing

FRIDAY: Arrive after 11:00 AM

5:30 PM HEAVY HAPPY HOUR

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM Potluck Breakfast (bring your setups)

Hosts supplying coffee, tea, juice

Spend the day with lots of things to do in the area  
(list of ideas at breakfast food table)

5:00 PM - Wine Tasting, please bring a small bottle of your favorite wine to share, your choice red or white. Host will supply cheese and crackers and small cups for sampling.

6:00 PM - Spaghetti and meatballs and hot/sweet Italian sausage. Green salad, Italian bread. Cookies for dessert. Bring your setups.

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM - Continental Breakfast including coffee, tea, juice

DEPARTURE: 2:00 PM

If you want to arrive a day early or stay a day later that is fine, the rate would be \$27

Reservations made with Gail and Wiley camping fee \$ 45.00 (payment prior to rally please)

Please mail checks made to Gail Downing. Mailing address: 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, Ct. 06810 with the form below.

Kitty Fee \$10 per person payable at Rally

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Fee \$45.00

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 Per Person \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions please contact Gail at 203-241-2537. Or email: [ctnanabug@comcast](mailto:ctnanabug@comcast).  
IF COVID-19 VIRUS EFFECTS THIS RALLY WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU.



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# **AUTUMN MAGIC BUDDY RALLY**

*September 10 – 13, 2020*

*Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz, NY*

Hosts – Bill and Evie Watts, 203-526-5532 or [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net)

Thursday, Sept. 10 – **Bonus Early Arrival** – Arrive after 1 pm –  
no planned activities

Friday, Sept. 11 – Arrive anytime. Heavy Happy Hour 5 p.m. Bring a snack to share and BYOB

Saturday, Sept. 12 – 8:15 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast. Beverages provided

- 4:30 p.m. Happy Hour Hors d'oeuvres provided by hosts, BYOB

- 5:00 p.m. – Walk-around fun **MAGIC SHOW by Sean the Prankster** –

Supper on your own

Sunday, Sept. 13 – 8:15 Continental Breakfast, depart anytime

Monday, Sept. 14 – **Bonus Departure**, depart by noon

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**THINGS TO DO: Near New Paltz** -- Historic Huguenot Street, Mohonk | Robibero Family Vineyards, Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, Widow Jane Mine, **and on the other side of the Hudson** – Vanderbilt Mansion, Culinary | Aerodrome, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Olana



Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_ WBCC # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Nights 1 2 3 4 @\$20      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pay: Evelyn Watts - 55 Hattertown Road - Newtown, CT 06470**

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